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SUBJECT: MESSAGE FOR BOUMEDIENE

FOR THE AMBASSADOR FROM THE SECRETARY

1. PLEASE CONVEY FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM ME TO BOUMEDIENE.

2. BEGIN TEXT:

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM CONVEYED YOUR MESSAGE TO ME EXPRESSING YOUR CONCERN ABOUT THE MARCH WHICH THE GOVERNMENT OF MOROCCO HAS BEEN PLANNING INTO THE SPANISH SAHARA AND AMBASSADOR PARKER HAS SINCE REPORTED YOUR TALK WITH HIM IN THE SAME VEIN.

I WANT TO ASSURE YOU IMMEDIATELY AND PERSONALLY THAT I AM KEENLY AWARE OF THE RISKS INVOLVED IN ANY PRECIPITOUS ACTION AND OF THE IMPORTANCE OF SUPPORTING THE EFFORTS NOW

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UNDERWAY TO ACHIEVE A DIPLOMATIC SOLUTION. WE WILL

CONTINUE IN OUR EXCHANGES WITH THE MOROCCAN GOVERNMENT
TO URGE PATIENCE AND FULL SUPPORT FOR THE SECRETARY
GENERAL'S EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE A SOLUTION PEACEFULLY WITHIN

THE UNITED NATIONS FRAMEWORK.

WE ARE SEEKING THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S JUDGMENT ABOUT
HOW ACCEPTABLE HE THINKS HIS FORMULA WILL BE IN
PROVIDING A BASIS FOR A RESOLUTION OF THIS PROBLEM THAT
WILL CONTRIBUTE TO OUR MUTUAL OBJECTIVE OF LONG-TERM
STABILITY IN THE SAHARA. I AM PLEASED THAT
ALGERIA HAS ACCEPTED IT. ITS ACCEPTABILITY TO MOROCCO
WILL OBVIOUSLY HAVE A MAJOR BEARING ON THE MOROCCAN
DECISION WITH RESPECT TO THE PROPOSED MARCH. AS
ASSISTANT SECRETARY ATHERTON SAID DURING HIS MEETING
WITH YOU, WE WERE NOT INFORMED IN ADVANCE ABOUT THE
MARCH. WE HAVE NEVER CONDONED IT AND HAVE SOUGHT TO
DISCOURAGE ITS EXECUTION.

HOWEVER, THE REALITY IS THAT OUR INFLUENCE IS LIMITED.

WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE SECRETARY GENERAL WILL REMAIN IN
TOUCH WITH ALL THE PARTIES, AND WE HOPE IT WILL BE
POSSIBLE TO WORK OUT AN ARRANGEMENT WHICH WILL MEET
THE LEGITIMATE INTERESTS OF ALL. WE ARE AGAIN IN
TOUCH WITH KING HASSAN AND WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT
A PEACEFUL SOLUTION ACCEPTABLE TO ALL PARTIES.

WARM REGARDS,

HENRY A. KISSINGER.

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